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Ken, Carolyn,

I appreciate the opportunity to talk with both of you regarding PCB concerns in the Coosa River, AL and GA. As indicated, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is interested in assisting at both the Anniston PCB Site and the Rome GE Site from the stand point of identifying/characterizing risk to natural resources and developing remedial objectives that are protective of fish, wildlife, and their habitats. We (FWS) would very much like to become involved in the front end of these projects rather than trying to insert ourselves later.

FWS and State natural resource trustees are also considering initiating Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) activities at these sites. We anticipate the involvement of the USGS-BRD Columbia Environmental Research Center (CERC), which has considerable expertise in PCBs and their effects to fish, wildlife, and the environment. CERC expertise would also benefit the CERCLA process at both sites. We believe that CERCLA and NRDAR can proceed on parallel tracks to the benefit of all involved. We would like to work in concert with EPA to ensure that we all are considering the same concerns and are minimizing the duplication of effort (and costs to the PRPs).

As discussed, based on information provide in the June 2000 Solutia report, it is clear that CERCLA activities at the Rome GE Site and the Anniston PCB Site will be, to some extent, tied together. These ties also have implications to NRDAR. We would like to meet with you to discuss such implications and to discuss long-term plans, etc. We are available for such a meeting during the weeks of Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Please get back to me with your interest and availability.

Thanks,

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